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At a meeting on 16 December 1951, Gerhard Ziller, DDR Minister of Machine 1. Construction, formally circulated the 1952 production schedules for all factories controlled by the Ministry. In many instances, the production plans had been cut from 10 to 20 percent below those previously established under the Five Year Plan. The Five Year Plan was not mentioned at the meeting.

Walter Chemnitz, chief of the Main Administration for Mechanical and Optical 2. Instruments of the Ministry, stated in a short speech that the cuts in the production plans for the concerns controlled by the Ministry for Machine Construction were less than the cuts established in other industries. No explanations for the cuts were offered. All persons attending the meeting were sworn to secrecy concerning the reductions. No further details are available.

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